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SUBJECT: ASSUMPTION OF PRESIDENCY BY SARKIS

1. WE ATTACH IMPORTANCE TO ASSUMPTION OF PRESIDENCY BY SARKIS IN TIMELY AND ORDERLY MANNER AS NECESSARY STEP TOWARD POLITICAL RESOLUTION OF LEBANESE CRISIS AND RESTORATION OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT'S AUTHORITY. DEPARTMENT PLANS TO ISSUE POLICY STATEMENT, TEXT BY SEPTTEL, ON THIS OCCASION WHICH WE FEEL WILL BE SUPPORTIVE OF SARKIS' CENTRAL POSITION.

2. IN VIEW OF CONTINUING UNCERTAINTY SURROUNDING INSTALLATION OF SARKIS, OUR ACTION WILL OBVIOUSLY BE AFFECTED BY LAST-MINUTE DEVELOPMENTS IN LEBANON. EMBASSY, THEREFORE, SHOULD PROVIDE DEPARTMENT MORNING 23 SEPTEMBER WITH ITS BEST DESCRIPTION OF INAUGURATION SITUATION, INCLUDING, IF POSSIBLE, CONFIRMATION THAT OATH-TAKING OR EQUIVALENT HAS OCCURRED. SEND BY FLASH CABLE TO REACH US NO LATER THAN 1100 HOURS WASHINGTON TIME, SINCE POLICY STATEMENT IS SCHEDULED FOR RELEASE AT REGULAR NOON PRESS BRIEFING SEPTEMBER 23. HABIB

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